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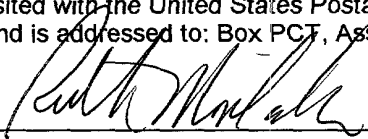
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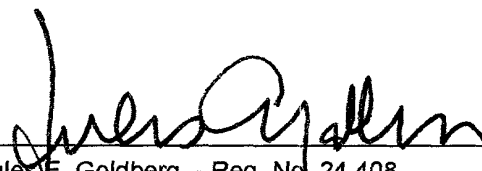
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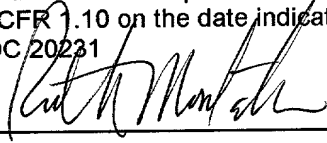
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of the first action, in the Substitute Specification please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3,	line 1 - 2,	change	"according to the above claims,"
		to	--according to claim 1,--

Claim 4,	line 1 - 2,	change	"according to the above claims,"
		to	--according to claim 1,--

Add new claims 5 and 6.

- 5. Apparatus for playing football in a wheelchair, according to claim 2, characterized by the fact that its structure may be composed of a single part, or that it may have a structure composed of a multiplicity of parts conveniently assemble together.

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6. Apparatus for playing football in a wheelchair, according to claim 2, characterized by the fact that the apparatus itself is equipped with a support (7), that is suitable for affixing to any suitable point of a wheelchair, and which allows the apparatus itself to be temporarily held to leave the upper limbs free during the movement of the wheelchair.--

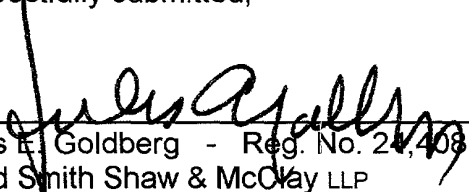
REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the claims have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependency of claims 3 - 4 and new claims 5 - 6 have been added.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited.

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SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

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APPARATUS FOR THE PRACTICE OF FOOTBALL IN A WHEELCHAIR

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DESCRIPTION**SUBJECT OF THE INVENTION**

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The present invention refers to an apparatus that has been especially designed to permit individuals who are handicapped in wheelchairs to practice the sport of football.

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The apparatus is therefore applicable to individuals with physical disabilities involving the partial or total immobility of the legs, who have to use wheelchairs, and makes it possible for them to play football using one hand or the other by means of a device which acts by controlling and impacting on the ball.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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As is well known, the practice of a variety of sports by the disabled is becoming increasingly widespread, and in the specific context of those who have to use a wheelchair a very high level has been attained in sports such as basketball, in which players' hands are essential for play.

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This is not the case with the sport of football, given that it requires use of the legs and that this is made impossible by the specific disability suffered by these players.

To date there is no knowledge of any apparatus or device that would make it possible for those in wheelchairs to play the sport of football.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The apparatus proposed by the invention satisfies this need, and makes it possible for any disabled person with partial or total immobility of their

legs to practice the sport of football, in a way that is clearly adapted to their disability.

To this end and more specifically, the apparatus consists of a body that is a fairly faithful reproduction of a human foot, up to the level corresponding to the upper limit of the top of the foot, in rounded shapes, more specifically with concave sides to offer greater control of the ball without differentiating between a left or right foot, while the said body is joined at its upper and mid part by a short arm to a handle that is noticeably parallel to the axis of the body, in such a way that disabled individuals are able to use the apparatus with either hand to kick the ball, thereby replacing the use of their own feet.

The apparatus in itself is complemented by a support which, duly attached to a wheelchair, makes it possible for the disabled individual to have both hands free for those times when they are required to drive the wheelchair, while it is also possible to use the front of the said wheelchair to control the ball, which is finally impacted by the apparatus itself to perform any kind of manoeuvre such as control, passing, kicking with the toe or heel, etc.

Although the apparatus may consist of a single piece, it has also been planned to have a structure consisting of a multiplicity of parts, thereby making it easier to manufacture, these being assembled and held together by means of rods and bolts.

As an item composed of one or multiple parts, it will preferentially be composed of strong light weight materials.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

To complement this description and with the aim of aiding greater comprehension of the nature of the invention, according to a preferential example of manufacture of the same, this description is accompanied, as an integral part of the same, by a set of drawings which show, as illustrations and not restrictively, the following:

Figure 1.- This shows a side view of apparatus for the practice of football in wheelchairs, made in the way specified by this invention.

Figure 2.- This shows a front view of the same apparatus.

Figure 3.- This shows a horizontal view.

Figure 4.- This shows another side view of the apparatus, in this case affixed to its corresponding support on a wheelchair.

Figure 5.- This shows a cross-section of the apparatus, according to the line of the cut shown by A-B in figure 2.

Figure 6.- Finally, this also shows a side view of a breakdown of the same apparatus.

PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION

In the light of the above-mentioned figures and more specifically numbers 1 to 3 of the same, it may be seen that the apparatus for practicing football in a wheelchair proposed by the invention has a structure that is based on a body (1) made of any appropriate material, which as was pointed out above will preferentially be light and strong, and which is similar in terms of size and shape to a human foot, although it is symmetrical respecting an imaginary longitudinal and central vertical plane, with concavities in both sides (2) making it possible to control the ball perfectly using the apparatus with the right or left hand, without differentiation, to knock the ball using the sides or toe, top of the foot (3) or area of the heel (4).

From this base body (1) a central and upper short arm (5) emerges, which ends in a handle (6) that is noticeably parallel to the axis of the body (1), and which the disabled individual uses to hold the apparatus in his hand, enabling him to use the body (1) to knock the ball.

A support (7) which may be affixed to any bar on the side or front part of either side of a wheelchair, makes it possible for the player to have both hands free so that his upper limbs may be used to perform any type of movement with the wheelchair.

The apparatus may consist of a single part, or, as is shown in the drawings, may present a structure composed of multiple parts, in such a way that the body (1) has a lower base corresponding to reference 1 itself, and which is complemented by a top (9) and a heel (10), the top (9) being fixed to

the heel (10) by a rod (11) and to the base (1) by another rod (11'), while the heel (10) is affixed to the base (1) by a bolt (12) with its corresponding nut (13), the latter being embedded in the centre of the base (1), while the top (9) is affixed to the base (1) by another bolt (14) that forms a part of the arm (5) and which has its corresponding nut (15), and the arm (5) is elongated and bent at the opposite end to the bolt (14), with another bolt (16) that passes lengthwise through the handle (6) and which in turn is held by its corresponding nut (17).

Nevertheless, this structure composed of multiple parts is merely an example, and it may be replaced by any other that is considered convenient, including single part executions as was stated above.

The handle (6) makes it possible for the player to securely grip the apparatus, in such a way that the upper end of the same functions as a lower extremity, and may be pointed in any direction, while the player's wrist functions as an ankle. As was pointed out above, the symmetrical configuration of the body (1) makes it possible to control the direction of the ball and allows it to be used by left-handed as well as right-handed players, knocking balls with the front or inner side to drive them in the desired direction.

CLAIMS

1.- Apparatus for playing football in a wheelchair, having the aim of allowing disabled individuals with partial or total immobility of the legs to use their upper limbs to replace these for the practice of the said sport, characterized by the fact that it is composed of a body (1) that reproduces the shape and size of a human foot fairly faithfully, up to the top of the foot, while from the top of the body (1) a short arm (5) emerges, this ending in a handle (6) arranged noticeably parallel to the axis of the body (1), in such a way that the player uses the said handle to manipulate the apparatus, knocking or acting on the ball with the body (1), with the movement of his wrist replacing that of the ankle.

2.- Apparatus for playing football in a wheelchair, according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the body of the base (1) is symmetrical respecting an imaginary longitudinal, vertical and middle plane, while both sides are concavely curved to facilitate impact on and control of the ball, using the right or left hand.

3.- Apparatus for playing football in a wheelchair, according to the above claims, characterized by the fact that its structure may be composed of a single part, or that it may have a structure composed of a multiplicity of parts conveniently assembled together.

4.- Apparatus for playing football in a wheelchair, according to the above claims, characterized by the fact that the apparatus itself is equipped with a support (7), that is suitable for affixing to any suitable point of a wheelchair, and which allows the apparatus itself to be temporarily held to leave the upper limbs free during the movement of the wheelchair.

APPARATUS FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL IN A WHEELCHAIR

Apparatus that consists of a body (1) that reproduces the size and shape of a human foot fairly faithfully, up to the top of the top of the foot (3) from the centre of which a short arm (5) emerges, and which ends in a handle (6) that is noticeably parallel to the longitudinal axis of the body (1), in such a way that a disabled player in a wheelchair is able to use the apparatus with either hand to receive, control and knock the ball. The apparatus in itself is complemented with a support (7) that is affixed to the structure (8) of a wheelchair, making it possible for the player to temporarily leave their hands free so that they can move their wheelchair.

Fig. 4

DESCRIPTION

APPARATUS FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL IN A WHEELCHAIR

This present invention refers to apparatus called FUTMAN, for practicing football in wheelchairs, by means of which individuals with physical disabilities due to the partial or total immobility of their legs are able to practice the sport of football in a manner that is adapted to their disability.

Background of the invention

To date there has been no knowledge of any similar apparatus which performs the functions of a foot to permit the disabled to practice the sport of football in wheelchairs.

The technical problem to be resolved

The solution offered allows the active upper limbs of players to perform the functions of the lower limbs in the practice of the sport of football.

Description of the invention

The apparatus for playing football in wheelchairs called FUTMAN, has a shape similar to that of a human foot, and both of its sides are concave, thereby facilitating control of the direction of the ball and the effect on the same. This shape makes it possible to use the apparatus with either upper limb without differentiation.

It has a handle on its top which is adaptable to the hand of the person using it, who is able when holding it to use his upper limbs in the same way as the lower limbs.

On the basis of this realization, the apparatus called FUTMAN is essentially characterized by its lightness and adaptability, as well as by its ease of handling for controlling and knocking a ball from a wheelchair.

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The apparatus called FUTMAN is suspended from a support that fits any of the side frontal bars at either side of a wheelchair, in such a way that it offers total freedom to the player for using his upper limbs to move the wheelchair in any way, while using the front of the same to control the ball.

Description using drawings

For better understanding of the description contained in this report, it is accompanied by certain drawing in which, as an example only, the different parts of which the apparatus called FUTMAN is composed are shown, together with a possible form of assembling the same.

In the said drawings Fig. 1 is a side view of the apparatus called FUTMAN, Fig. 2 is a side view of the apparatus called FUTMAN in a support that is affixed in turn to a side front bar of a wheelchair. Fig. 3 is a side view of the apparatus called FUTMAN; Fig. 4 is a frontal view of the apparatus called FUTMAN; Fig. 5 is a horizontal view of the apparatus called FUTMAN, which together with the previous Figs. 3 and 4 gives us a perfect idea of the volumetric properties of the apparatus called FUTMAN. Fig. 6 is a side view showing all of the internal assembly of the parts of which the apparatus called FUTMAN is composed.

Fig. 7 shows the apparatus called FUTMAN once it has been taken apart and all of its parts placed in order for assembly, these being:

Part (5) is denominated the handle, part (6) the joining arm; part (3), which is denominated the heel; part (2) which is denominated the top of the foot, showing the two joining rods; and part (1) denominated the sole.

Part (A) is a through bolt; parts (B) and (C) are lock nuts.

Preferred embodiment

The apparatus called FUTMAN is composed of a set of parts in strong light weight material, in the shape of a foot with concave sides, in such a way that it

may be used by players with either upper limb, without differentiation. At the same time it makes it possible to perform all types of the technical manoeuvres used in the practice of the sport, such as ball control, passes, kicking with the toe or heel, etc.

Part -2- denominated the top of the foot, is located at the top of the front of the apparatus called FUTMAN, and part -3- located on the upper rear part, and denominated the heel, are joined together by means of rods and bolts, forming the basic structure of the apparatus called FUTMAN.

Part -4-, denominated the joining arm in the form of an inverted "L", joins the low part (part 1) and the upper part (parts 2 and 3) of the apparatus called FUTMAN. This part -4- is covered by a handle (part 5) that is perfectly adaptable to the hands of the player, allowing his upper limbs to perform the functions of lower limbs, being able to turn in any direction and allowing the wrist to function as an ankle.

An outstanding characteristic of the apparatus called FUTMAN is the ease with which it may be used, due to the handle and its concave sides, which make it possible to control the direction of the ball, and allow left-handed as well as right-handed individuals to use it, knocking balls with the top of the foot as well as with the edges, giving the ball the desired effect.

The materials used in manufacturing the component parts of the apparatus called FUTMAN will be independent of the invention, as are the dimensions of the same, on condition that they do not affect its essential nature.

Industrial application

The apparatus called FUTMAN may be manufactured using any type of industry and material, while the strongest and lightest materials are preferable.

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- 1.- Apparatus called FUTMAN, for playing football in a wheelchair, made of light and strong material, with concave sides, making it possible for left-handed as well as right-handed individuals to knock balls, with the desired effect.
- 2.- Apparatus called FUTMAN, for playing football in a wheelchair, characterized by the fact that it is adaptable to the hand of the player, by means of a handle that allows the upper limbs to perform the functions of the lower limbs.
- 3.- Apparatus called FUTMAN, for playing football in a wheelchair, characterized by the fact that it may be held in a support fixed onto any of the front side bars on either side of a wheelchair, thereby permitting the free movement of the player using both hands, while being able to make use of the apparatus called FUTMAN when he wishes to knock or pass the ball to another player.
- 4.- Apparatus called FUTMAN, for playing football in a wheelchair, characterized by its simple design, independently of the materials used in manufacture, while it may also be made of one or more parts without this altering its essential nature.

FIG. 1

FIG. 2

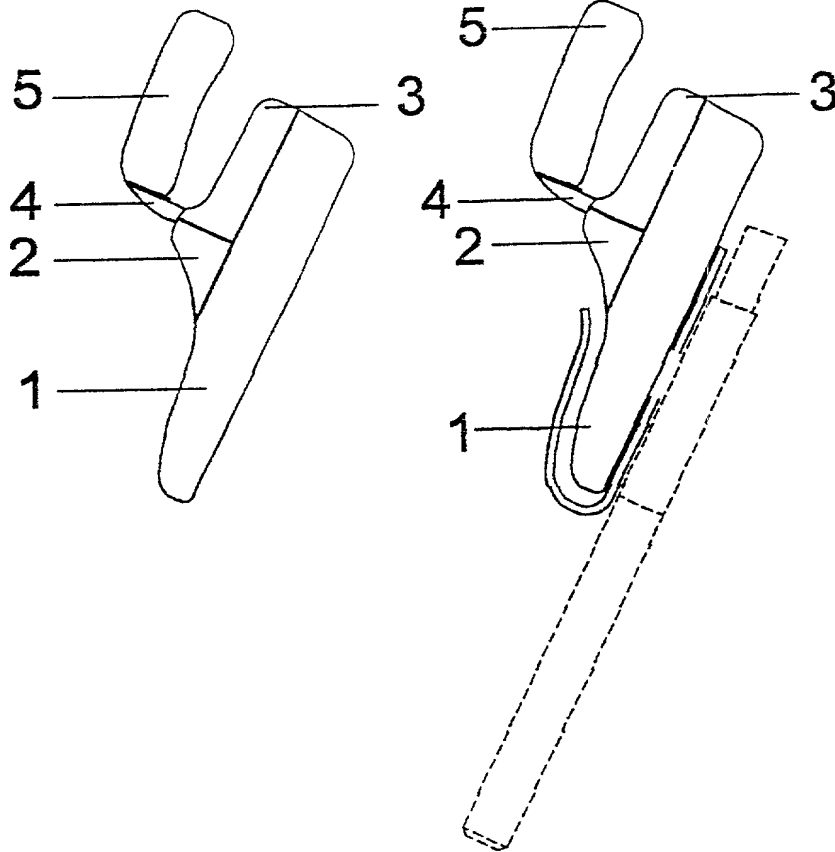


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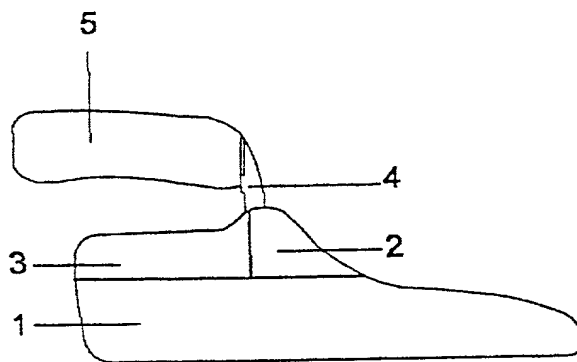


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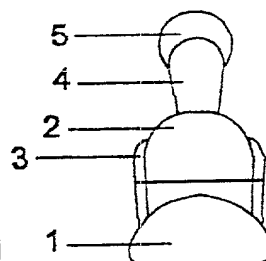


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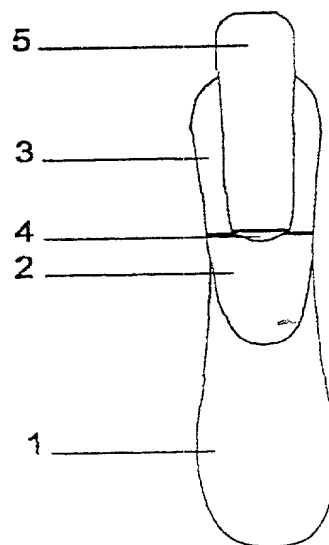
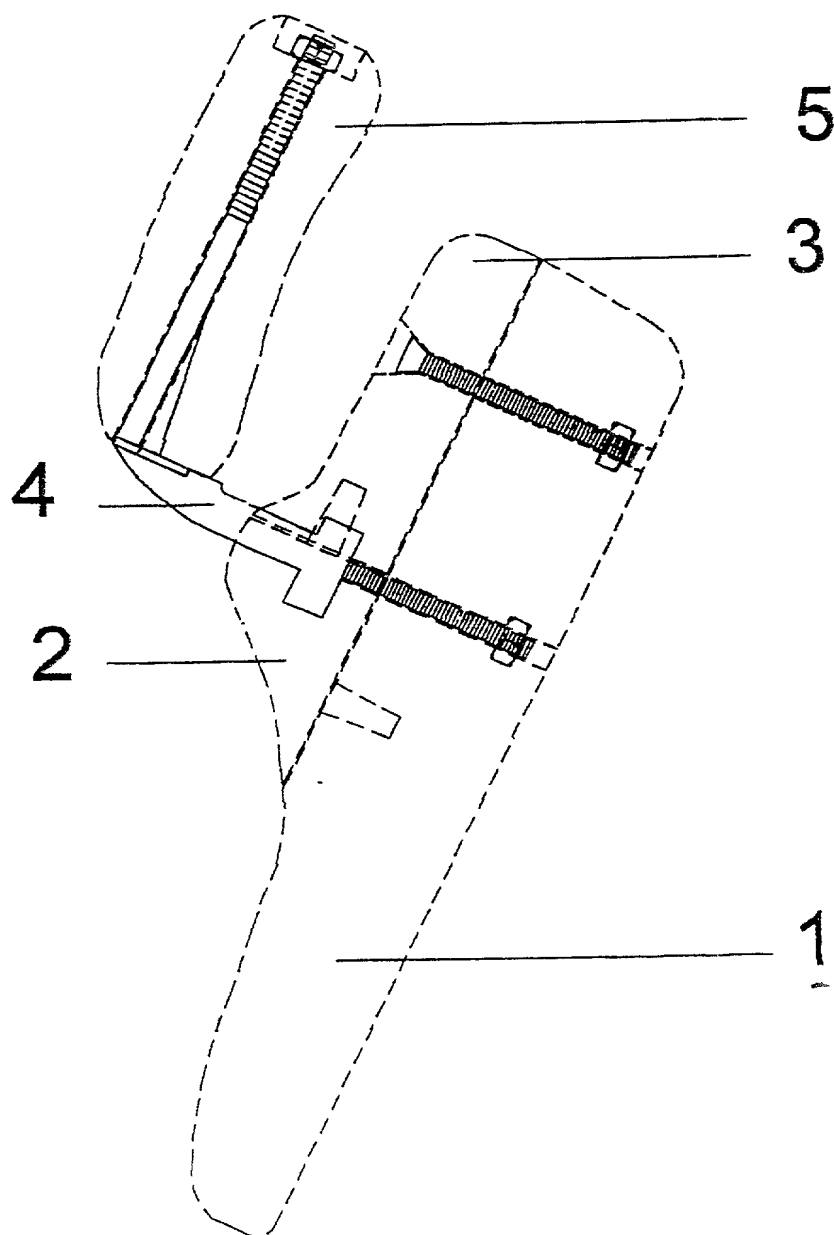
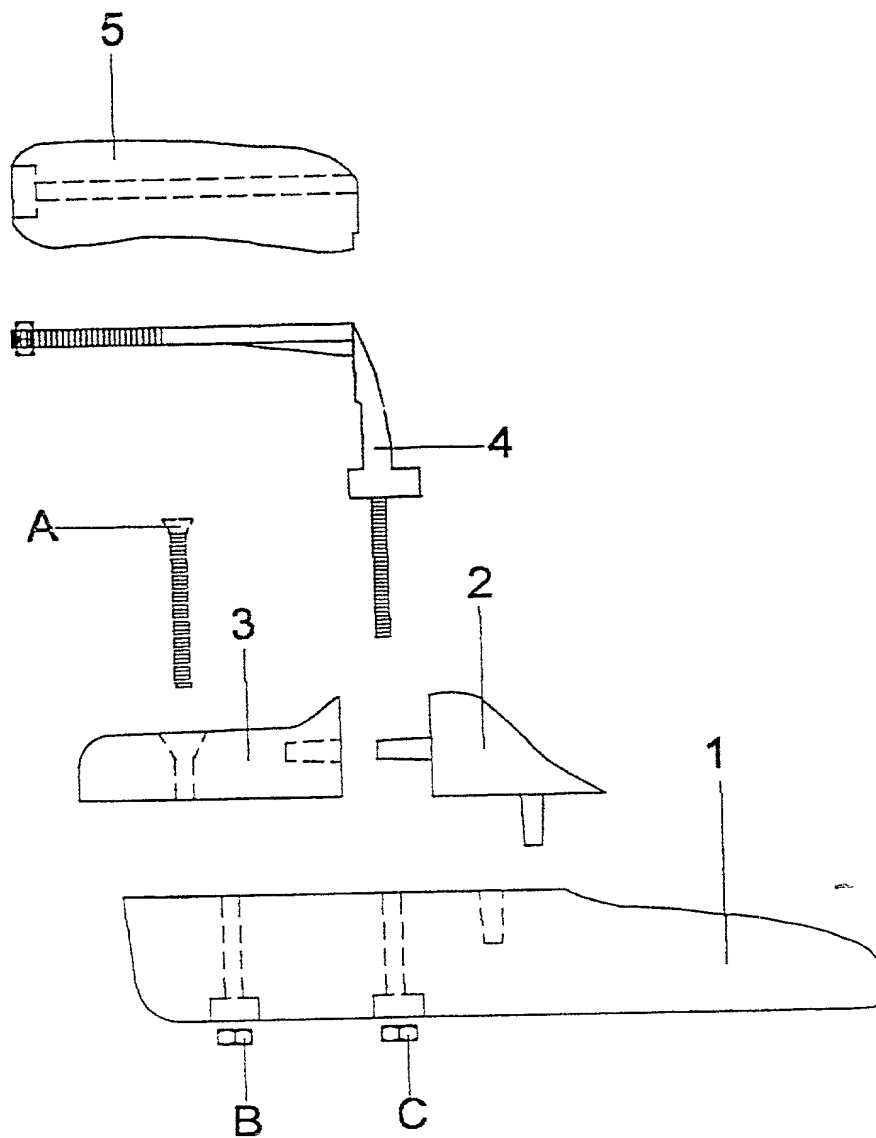


FIG. 6



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FIG. 7



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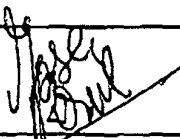
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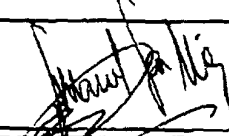
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